

STA Bay-Vine Trail Study

Public Workshop #1

May 12, 2014

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

City of Vallejo Conference Center on Mare Island - 375 G Street

Meeting Notes

Approximately 25 members of the public attended the first Public Workshop for the STA Bay-Vine Trail Study. The workshop began with a presentation on the study purpose, scope and objectives; a “virtual tour” of key study segments and potential trail alignment alternatives; and an overview of the project schedule and upcoming tours and meetings. Attendees then worked in small groups to discuss and record their ideas on the maps provided. The study area was broken up into four sub areas and participants rotated between tables to provide comments. At the close of the meeting, consultants provided a summary of the next steps and upcoming opportunities for public engagement.

Table 1 presents the notes from the question and answer period that followed the presentation and Break Out Session. Table 2 presents the notes from the Break Out Session. Photos of the marked-up maps are presented as an appendix to these notes.



Public Workshop #1 included a presentation, a question and answer period (top photo), and break out session (bottom photo).

Table 1: Question and Answer Period Notes

Notes

Q: Are all trails going to be 12' wide? Paved? A: The trail width and surfacing are to be determined. Width depends partly on anticipated user groups and use levels. Paving is recommended to better facilitate bicycle access and all-weather use.

Need to resolve time for 6/28 tour. The flier and powerpoint state different times.

Q: Would the trail be separated from vehicular travel lanes? Maybe with a barrier? A: Likely a physical space, curb, and/or landscaping would be provided as a buffer.

I am concerned about putting trail behind homes on Catalina, especially about the potential for crime. Dogs may also be a problem. I support the trail, but move it further from the back of fence.

Q: What would the trail surface be? What would it be in nature areas? A: It may be a boardwalk or crushed granite. This is to be determined. Is there a community preference?

Notes (cont.)

Q: There is the potential for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists on the trail. Are the ways to minimize this conflict? A: It may be possible to separate users.

Q: Will trail accommodate horses? A: That is unknown at this time. The team understands there is little demand for equestrian trails in this area.

Q: What are the top 5 challenges for this project? A: Potential challenges include: addressing community concerns, technical issues (e.g., crossing the highway ramps), crossing the railroad, pinch points, and finding an alignment that works.

Q: How will you make intersections safer to cross? A: First, we need to define the alignment. The team will introduce a toolbox of options later on in project.

Safety is a key consideration.

There are lots of stops and starts riding through Vallejo. Make the route direct with as few stops as possible. Include a scenic loop.

This project is a potential tourism draw.

Debris along Highway 29 is a hazard. This route is also used by many trucks.

Q: Is funding subject to renewal? A: Potential funding sources will depend on the chosen alignment and facility type(s).

Q: Are bicycle tunnels / bridges prohibitively expensive? A: Bridges/tunnels will be considered.

I want all ideas to get due consideration.

Table 2: Break Out Session Notes

General Comments	
Location	Notes
General	Check police records – personal safety
General	How many bikes – pedestrians using now?
General	Any conflicts with existing users?
General	Hwy 37 is too noisy and dangerous.
General	Volunteer time available
General	I believe the strongest location to place the trail to the benefit of the community is along the marsh and wetlands. Although there are issues of camping litter and general impact, I believe having the trail along the marsh will provide a diverse benefit covering everything from environmental education to basic connection to nature that is so crucial to our youth today.
Map 1 (Western portion of Study Area 1)	
Location	Notes
Catalina Cir.	Add a trail loop around Catalina Cir.
Catalina Way/Cir	Trail around Catalina Cir (outside of creek).

Map 1 (Western portion of Study Area 1) (cont.)

Location	Notes
Open space N. of Dutch Flat Rd	Make use of open land north of the homes - more visible!
Meadows Dr from Azalea Ct to Catalina Wy	Safety challenges community
Catalina Wy	Bay Trail alignment would cause parking problems where it transitions from behind homes to along Catalina Wy. Instead, route the trail further from the homes and toward the Catalina Wy/Meadows Dr intersection. In favor 100% but move further away from houses. Parking should be at Meadows Dr and Catalina Wy.
Meadows Dr from Belvedere Ct to Catalina Way	Safety issue - cars jump curb due to unsafe speed and do "burnouts" in roadway. Lots of bird watchers come here and park.
Meadows Dr around Obrien Cir	Kids run into road, play in street. Heavy traffic. 35 mph. Parked cars.
South of Meadows Dr	A tough neighborhood

Map 2 (Northeastern portion of Study Area 1)

Location	Notes
Meadows Plaza	It looks like the trail would be on the west side of Broadway. Can it be moved to the east side, between Broadway and the railroad tracks?
Alternative street route on Elliot Dr	Not good for recreation
Lincoln Hwy/Mini Dr intersection to Broadway	Critical spot - separate (south of intersection, to avoid multiple crossings)
Broadway	Current potential for Class II
Broadway	Class I for commuters
Along wetlands	Class I for recreational use
Meadows Dr	Not preferred
Lewis Brown Dr to Lincoln Hwy connection, under Hwy 37	Focus area. Good for transport.
Broadway and Lewis Brown Dr	Can this intersection be improved? Maybe remove the slip lane?

Map 3 (Southeastern portion of Study Area 1)

Location	Notes
General	Extend map 3 to the south to include the connection to the existing path
General - west alignment of Bay Trail	Anticipate that this area will be under water in 20 years; high flood waters. Identify the edge of tidal marsh.
General - west alignment of Bay Trail behind homes	Concern over theft
Enterprise St and Hwy 37	Go under or over the freeway (tunnel or bridge) northeast of Palm Drive to avoid crossing interstate on and off ramps at-grade
South of Hwy 37/29 interchange	Tunnel/bridge across 37 - avoid ramps

Map 3 (Southeastern portion of Study Area 1) (cont.)	
Location	Notes
Hwy 37 and Hwy 29 interchange	When traveling southbound along Highway 29, the Highway 37 eastbound on ramp is problematic to cross
Lewis Brown Dr/Hwy 29/Hwy 37 eastbound offramp	Challenging intersection
Bay Trail, west of Jack London Dr and south of Sonora Pass Rd	Consider building a levee and putting the trail on top. This would be a long-term project. Could also help with flood control.
Bay Trail alignment, southeast of Sonora Pass Rd under Hwy 37 onramp	This is a good cut through.
Trail alignment along Sonoma Blvd then west behind homes	Good for recreation (go on west side of Hwy 37). Route the trail around the restoration area.
New alignment option	Consider routing trail users along Jack London Dr to a Class I trail south of Sonora Pass Rd.
Meadows Dr	Opportunity to remove parking on Meadows Dr?
Meadows Dr, west of Sonoma Blvd	Wide, busy (esp. PM rush hour), not scenic
Broadway	Speeding is common. The roadway doesn't feel safe. Can the look of the corridor be improved?
Broadway and Meadows Plaza	Could the project include a connection between Sonoma Blvd and Broadway, through the old Walmart parking lot? I like this idea.
Bay Trail alignment along Sonoma Blvd	How can this be design to be more pleasant to use?
Bay Trail alignment along Sonoma Blvd	Sonoma Blvd has higher traffic than Broadway
Sonoma Blvd and Hwy 37 on ramp	Crossing the onramp is a hazard
Sonoma Blvd and Hwy 37 on ramp	Restoration project to west
White Slough	A path on the northwest side of the highway would be ideal.
Map 4 (Study Area 2)	
Location	Notes
General	I recommend one alignment for both trails through this area.
General	Look for onstreet bike lanes where congested.
Vine Trail route along Hwy 37	Traffic
Sacramento St and SF Bay Trail	Provide a gate w/padlock at the terminus of the existing path?
Wilson Ave north of Hwy 37	The potential Bay Trail alignment is more scenic than the potential Vine Trail alignment.
Wilson Ave and Daniels Ave	High pedestrian activity, not enough room for bikes
Wilson Ave and Daniels Ave	Bring path around/behind the business instead of along Wilson?
Wilson Ave and Daniels Ave	Built with sidewalks – don't want more bikes due to heavy other use (e.g., dog walking)

Map 4 (Study Area 2) (cont.)

Wilson Ave at Hwy 37 undercrossing	Old path; railing on top of bridge
East of Wilson Ave	Park? Open space?
Wilson Ave north of 37	View is great
Wilson Ave north of 37	Lots of votes
Wilson Ave north of 37	Ideal Class I on west side
Fortune Dr	This route may be OK, but commuters may not like.
Wilson Ave	Slow traffic on Wilson Ave – speeding!
Wilson Ave	Expansion project – can we remove medians to accommodate a Class I path?